Committee presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Lallubhai Samaldas Mehta, the question of the early establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank will receive the early consideration of Government.

Dewan.

The matter is under consideration and my speech at the ensuing meeting of the Mysore Economic Conference may be awaited, wherein an announcement on the subject will be made.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.

In view of the experience in regard to the late Agricultural Banks, will it not be inadvisable to start a Land Mortgage Bank afresh ?

Second Member of Council.

No opinion of Government can be given now on a matter which is still under consideration.

MR. NANJUNDAPPA, ALUR.—

Q.—29. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The total extent of land under the control of the Excise Department.

(*b*) The amount of *kandayam* it would fetch if given out for cultivation.

(*c*) The total expenditure now incurred on account of Excise (Toddy) Department.

(*d*) If the Government can rely upon the stability of such income.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 346,702 acres.

(*b*) Most of the lands reserved being unassessed, it is not possible to say what *kandayam* they will fetch until they are actually assessed.

(*c*) The total expenditure in the Excise Department is Rs. 4,15,000 according to the budget for 1923-24.

MR. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—30. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount till now spent since 1915 for Panchama Education ?

2. The number of boys that have received education?

3. The number of boys that have passed the Lower Secondary Examination and other higher examinations?

4. If the spread of education is not satisfactory so far, is it not better to have boarding schools for them in convenient centres in each district?

5. Have Government taken any steps towards it?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) The figures from 1915 are not readily available. A statement furnishing the information for the years 1920-21, 1921-22 and 1922-23 is placed on the Table.

(2) and (3) Please see statement referred to above.

(4) and (5) There is reason to believe that there has been a steady improvement in the education of the Panchama community. Government have in their Order No. 9550-1—Edn. 75-18-29, dated the 7th April 1920 laid down as a policy that it is neither necessary nor desirable to concentrate all Panchama Education in boarding institutions, for, while it might facilitate admission of a fortunate few, only a limited number of persons can be admitted into these institutions and it makes no special provision for the bulk of the pupils who cannot be sent to the residential schools to receive their education. Further, in their orders on the Education Memorandum, Government have directed that the three existing residential institutions should be developed more fully, so as to facilitate the training of 250 pupils in each. The establishment of more boarding schools is a question of funds.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. A. Anantiah.

The answer to my interpellation says that since the year 1915 to 1923, 76,610 panchama boys received education, out of whom only 3 passed in the Entrance Examination. From this it appears that the educational facilities for these boys are not properly provided.

Dewan.

You may have your opinion on the answer. But now you can only ask supplemental questions on the interpellation.

The object of the question is that the malnad should get a boarding school.

First Member.

Chikmagalur is malnad, and there is nothing new in the question.

Mr. R. Gopalswami Iyer.

According to the Government Order, dated 7th April 1920, additional boarding homes are not necessary at all, because, under it, panchama boys can go and study in any Government institution. It has been said in the answer to the Interpellation (No. 30) that only 38 panchama boys have passed the Lower Secondary Examination till now, and that, only from the two institutions at Mysore and Tumkur.

Dewan.

I do not want a speech about the necessity for additional panchama boarding schools, as that will mean a criticism of Government policy.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.

I am not criticising Government policy. Only, if that order had been given effect to, more students could have received education.

Dewan.

Discussion is not allowed, according to rules.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.

With reference to the answer to sections (4) and (5) of Interpellation No. 30, that the establishment of more Boarding schools is a question of funds, may the establishment of more schools be hoped for when funds are available ?

First Member.

It is not a question of mere funds, but it is a question of educational policy. The object is that education should be widespread and should reach every village, every house. Under that policy, centralization will be avoided, and a school will be made available wherever there is a Holeyar hatti, and this will be done as funds are available.

Mr. H. Nanjundaraj Urs.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether want of accommodation will not be made a cause for keeping out any panchama boys ?

Dewan.

That is a question of discussion, and not an interpellation.

MR. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—31. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The amount given by the Government annually to the Indian Research Institute, Bangalore ?